

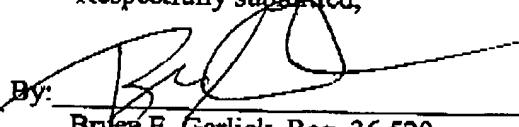
REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 5-9, 13-17, and 21-24 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Tse (U.S. Patent No. 6,480,718). The Examiner objected to claims 2-4, 10-12, 16, and 18-20 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and an intervening claim.

In response thereto, applicants hereby declare via their attorney, under 37 C.F.R. 1.132, that Tse and the present application are commonly owned and that Tse is not to "another." Attached hereto is a copy of an Assignment document transferring ownership of the present application to Nortel Networks Limited, also the owner of U.S. Patent No. 6,480,718 to Tse. Based upon this showing, the 35 U.S.C. 102(e) rejection is overcome and all pending claims are now allowable.

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